I Richard's body have interred new :
And on It have bestow'd more contrite tears,
Than from it issued forced drops of blood.
Five hundred poor I have in yearly pay,
Who twice a day their wither'd hands hold up
Toward heaven, to pardon blood ; and I have built
Two chantries [7], where the sad and solemn priests
Sing still for Richard's souL More will I do :
Though all that I can do, is nothing worth :
Since that my penitence comes after all,
Imploring pardon [8].

The passage stands thus in the quarto, 1600 :

*[f] Take from them now the sense of reckoning",
[of] That the *opposed numbers* which stand before them,
" *May not appal their courage.*"

This fully refutes the notion of an anonymous Remark er. [Mr. Ritson.] who understands the word *pluck* as optative, and supposes that Henry calls on the God of battles to deprive his soldiers of their hearts ; that is, of their *courage,* for such is evidently the meaning of the expression : — (so in the common phrase, ' have a *good heart*' — and in the passage just quoted from Hall:) though this commentator chooses to understand by the word — *sense* and

Mr. Theobald, and some other commentators, seem, indeed, to think that *any* word may be substituted for another, if thereby sense may he obtained : but a word ought rarely to be substituted in the room of another, unless either the emendation bears such an affinity to the corrupted reading, as that the error might have arisen from the mistake of the eye or ear of the compositor or transcriber : or a word has been caught inadvertently by the compositor from a preceding or a subsequent line. MALONE.

7 Two chantries,] One of these monasteries was for Carthusian monks, and was called *Bethlehem* ; the other was for religious men and women of the order of Saint Bridget, and was named *Sion.* They were on opposite sides of the Thames, and adjoined the royal manor of Sheen, now called Richmond. MALONE.

[8] Since that my penitence comes after ALL.
Imploring pardon.] We must observe, that Henry IV. had

committed an injustice, of which he and his *son* reaped the fruits. But reason tells us, justice demands that they who share the profits of iniquity, shall share also in the punishment. Scripture again tells us, that when men have sinned, the grace of God gives frequent invitations to repentance : which, in the language of[1]